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Sir:

Please amend, without prejudice, the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24.

Substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 27:

Figure 4a is an alternative embodiment of the present invention with a tapered high resistive portion.

Substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29:

Figure 4b is an alternative embodiment of the instant invention with a stepwise-tapered high resistive portion.